

REMARKS

The allowance of claims 1 – 12 is noted with appreciation.

In order to expedite prosecution of this application, claim 13 has been canceled, without prejudice. The cancellation of claim 13 is clearly supported by the original specification.

Claim 13 was rejected by the Examiner under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over US Patent 6,243,008 to Korabiak in view of US Patent 4,808,968 to Caine and US Patent 2,825,888 to Oldenburg. The Examiner has indicated that Korabiak discloses a vehicle lighting system comprising clustered lights on either side of the rear of a vehicle, with brake lights and reverse lights centrally located between the clustered lights. Caine teaches desirability of mounting vehicle signal lights on a rear bumper. Oldenburg teaches desirability of using multi-directional clustered signal lights. According to the Examiner, it would have been obvious to use multi-directional signal lights as suggested by Oldenburg and a bumper mounting location as suggested by Caine in conjunction with a vehicle signal light system as disclosed by Korabiak.

As previously noted, claim 13 has been cancelled, without prejudice. In view of that amendment, it is submitted that the rejection of claim 13 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Korabiak in view of Caine and Oldenburg has been obviated.

In view of the cancellation of claim 13 and the Examiner's allowance of claims 1 – 12, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in allowable condition. Accordingly, allowance of this application, as amended, is earnestly solicited.

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